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HERITAGE

Advocates call on city not to demolish historic sites



Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

Advocates are questioning the city's political will to preserve its heritage as it advances plans to demolish two historic buildings to create a construction yard.

The city recently purchased the Mitchell and Reed Auction House and the Graphic Arts Building and intends to demolish them to create laydown yards for the future Valley Line LRT.

"This one hurts a lot," said Dan Rose of Heritage Forward. "It clearly demonstrates there is no regard for maintaining a

unique and irreplaceable heritage character."

The auction house was home to the Artery and was listed on the city's historic resource inventory. The arts building was built in 1938 and a city report calls it "a rare example in Edmonton of Art Deco design."

A petition was launched over the weekend that now has more than 200 signatures aimed at saving the building.

Coun. Scott McKeen said there should have been more consultation with the community about these buildings.

"We didn't have the discussion, the community wasn't given an opportunity to give input and it feels like it was rushed through," he said.

He said had that happened people might have come to the conclusion demolition was the most appropriate step, but the conversation should have happened.



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ENTERTAINMENT

Taking music events to the next stage: The living room

Michelle Falk

For Metro | Edmonton

Mike Hudema is part of a growing group of Edmontonians who support the local music scene by going to concerts — in their own living rooms.

Hudema, who hosted his first house concert about three years ago when a musician friend had a venue cancelled and needed a place to perform, said more and more people in Edmonton are doing the same.

"All I provide is the space, and then I hope to provide a full house," he said.

Megan Dart and her sister Beth have been hosting house concerts in Edmonton for the past six years. "I'm an artist and I know how trying it can be to put together a tour and how grateful I am for the support of the community," she said.

For the first two years they did it, the Dart sisters partnered with an organization called Home Routes, which arranged folk bands for them.

Nowadays though, they run things themselves, primarily relying on word of mouth. They sell tickets directly to people they have made personal contact with, but still usually get crowds of 25 to 50 people, Dart said.

Tad Hargrave takes the house concert idea a step further.



A growing group of Edmontonians are arranging for bands to perform at make-shift venues, such as kitchens and dining rooms. The shows make for an intimate, comfortable experience while also saving significant costs. COURTESY JACK BAWDEN

+ HOSTING YOUR OWN GIG AT HOME

1. Establish a core group

"The most important thing is to have a strong base of music lovers that you know personally and grow that group — especially if you have a band that isn't really well known. You need to rely on your own network," said Nicole Mulhy, who has hosted concerts.

2. Make it magical

"Something to really consider is what's

the original hook that you can do to make it special and unique," said Tad Hargrave.

Whether it is a theme, costumes, or whatever, having something that makes the evening memorable and unique is a must.

3. Advertise the event

Make a Facebook event and email/text blast your network. E-ticketing

platforms will offer some publicity. But don't forget, you're not making any money, so don't spend any on promoting the event.

4. Ask bands

"Don't be afraid to talk to bands and ask them," said Mulhy.

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Fatal stabbing in city's northeast under probe

CRIME

Teen boy now facing second-degree murder rap



Tim Querengesser
Metro | Edmonton

A stabbing Saturday night in a housing complex in northeast Edmonton has left a man dead and a 17-year-old teen boy facing a second-degree murder charge.

Police were called about 8 p.m. and when they arrived the victim was transported to hospital, where he later died.

When they arrived, the suspect had fled the scene. After an extensive search of the area police took the teen into custody.

The teenager cannot be identified under the Youth

Criminal Justice Act, but police did reveal he was related to the victim.

A neighbour at the complex near 36 street and 145 Avenue, who refused to give his name, told Metro Sunday morning the family who live where the stabbing happened are known to him for being rude and aggressive, but that he saw and heard nothing out of the ordinary Saturday night.

The man, who lives a few doors from the scene, said he hasn't been told what happened, but described a chaotic scene Saturday night.

"I saw police around midnight, everywhere — flashlights, dogs, a helicopter," he said. "There must have been 50 (police officers)."

Another man, who lives closer to the house where the stabbing occurred and gave his name as Thomas P, said a family lives in the house, and they have a kid who's 15 or 16 years old.



The home where a man was killed Saturday was sealed off Sunday. TIM QUERENGESSER/METRO

HEALTH

'Fentanyl antidote' kits prevent deaths

Alberta's provincial health agency says "fentanyl antidote" kits have saved at least four lives since they hit the streets of Calgary earlier this summer.

Alberta Health Services says that in the last 10 weeks, about 100 naloxone kits were given out by the Safeworks program.

An awareness campaign, partnering with the Calgary Police Service, was launched just over a month ago to try to curb abuse of the drug.

Fentanyl is an opioid used to treat severe pain. It is about 100 times stronger than morphine, heroin or oxycodone and

is often passed off as the new form of OxyContin.

Naloxone works by competing with fentanyl for the same opiate receptors in the body, decreasing the potency of the drug.

In the first six months of 2015, 145 people in Alberta died from taking drugs in which fentanyl was detected.

The Winnipeg Regional Health Authority's Joss Reimer said last week that the authority also hopes to have a distribution program for naloxone in place by the end of the year.

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CAR SHARING

Pogo expands to U of A

Edmonton's only on-demand car share service is expanding its reach to the U of A campus.

From his time at the U of A, having access to a car-share service would have been great, said Kieran Ryan, University of Alberta Business alumnus and Pogo CarShare president.

Pogo has reduced its minimum age limit from 21 to 19 and the minimum required driving experience from three years to one, for University of Alberta staff and students exclusively.

Part of the partnership also includes free parking in some of the lots and parkades on campus.

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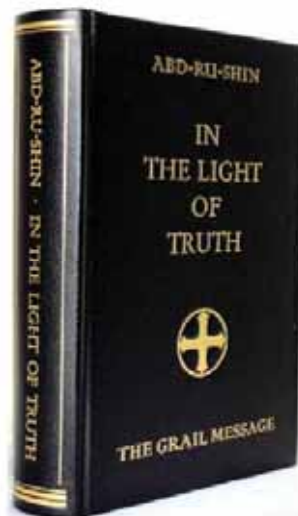
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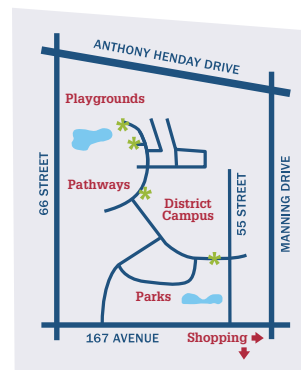
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EDUCATION

Post secondary not an easy task for students with disabilities

Lucy Haines
For Metro | Edmonton

Fourteen years ago this week, I sent my son Christopher off to kindergarten with the same bittersweet anticipation every parent feels — will he manage all right? Will he make friends?

This week, Christopher started his first semester at NAIT to study computers and information technology and I've got much the same worry as I did a dozen years ago — will this be good for him? How will he handle the change?

Chris has Asperger's Syndrome, a type of pervasive developmental disorder similar to autism that mostly inhibits his ability to socialize and communicate, though his intelligence and language development are normal.

In Alberta, children in grades K-12 have access to educational assistants and individualized programs, as Chris did, but at 18 the adult world of post-secondary education offers fewer supports and much more frustration.

Some 19 institutes across Alberta offer post-secondary opportunities for people with disabilities — 32 supported spaces in Edmonton under the Inclusion Alberta program at Norquest College, MacEwan University, NAIT, Concordia, Kings and more — but spots become available only sporadically and students can only audit classes with hopes of



Navigating a campus, figuring out bus and LRT schedules and even taking notes can be difficult tasks for students with disabilities. For those that gain admission to programs in the city's post secondary institutions, help is available. LUCY HAINES / FOR METRO

getting a certificate of completion, but not a diploma or degree.

"There's a lot of frustration over the limits on a child's ability to get a post-secondary education," said Betty Hahn-Sidor, director of family support at the Gateway Association.

"It's not a given to get support after age 18 — it can be overwhelming for families, who often have to deal directly with the institution to gain entry in a program."

Leah McRorie had to be her daughter's advocate, working with the department of music at MacEwan University to allow her 21-year-old daughter Taisa, who has Cerebral Palsy and is non-verbal, to attend the program.

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"The learning curve is huge for universities — many programs have no ability to offer a spot to someone with a disability.

"Our daughter hired her own aides to make it happen — she's just asking for the same opportunity as anyone else," said McRorie.

Last year, some 1,500 NAIT students identified as having a disability — that's a 20

per cent increase from the previous year, according to NAIT's manager of Services for Students with Disabilities, Wendy Marusin.

The school offers study skill workshops, extra time or alternate formats for exams and helps with issues such as time and stress management.

"We take the lead from the student. The transition

from high school to post secondary can be difficult, and we respect that as an adult learner, they know best what their needs are.

"We want individuals to be proud to attend school here — to remove the stigma of being a student with a disability," she said.

My son Chris said time will tell if he needs help navigating life as a NAIT student, whether it's keeping up with course material or handling being late for class due to bus or LRT delays.

"I haven't figured out if this is what I want to do for my future, but I just want to pursue further education for its own sake," he said. "I'm glad there's help here if I need it."

POLITICS Delayed budget results in protest

Critics of the NDP government held a rally at the legislature Sunday where they demanded a budget within 30 days.

Matthew Bugg, the emcee for the Stand Up for Alberta protest on Sunday, says even though Premier Rachel Notley has been in power only five months, it's time her government produced a budget. A budget was introduced, but never passed, by former Progressive Conservative premier Jim Prentice's government before it was defeated by Notley and the NDP in May. Finance Minister Joe Ceci is to bring in a fully revised budget after the house resumes sitting Oct. 26.



By the time the Alberta budget is released it will have been seven months

Matthew Bugg

Many attendees at the rally wore anti-NDP buttons and carried signs questioning Notley's leadership. Bugg says the event wasn't necessarily meant as an anti-NDP event, but rather to bring attention to the effects of the economic downturn on industry, small business and the economy.

He noted other provinces where the government changed saw budgets within four to five months. "By the time the Alberta budget is released it will have been seven months — the longest in the last 20 years by any province," Bugg said.

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Students gain trade skills

CENTRE HIGH

Privately sponsored 'boot camp' leads to jobs



Andrea Ross
Metro | Edmonton

Chelsea Ewaskow always knew she wanted a job in the trades, and a new partnership between Merit Contractors and Centre High Campus is helping her make that happen.

Ewaskow is one of the first graduates of a program made possible by a \$400,000 donation from Merit. The grant covered two weeks of intensive "boot camp" training this summer that gave her and 13 other Centre High students the necessary safety and first-aid training, and hands-on work experience to secure a full-time job in construction.

Wearing steel-toed boots, a reflective vest and a hard hat at her Pagnotta Industries



Chelsea Ewaskow secured a full-time job in construction with Pagnotta Industries after completing a two-week summer boot camp at the Centre High Campus. ANDREA ROSS/METRO

worksite on Ellerslie Road, the 20-year-old said she can't imagine doing anything else.

"I excelled in the trades program in high school. I loved mechanics and construction, so it was about time I joined a construction site," she said.

Merit President Malcolm D.

Kirkland said \$1.2 million will be invested in seven similar projects in schools around the province. The next grant will be announced in October.

The Centre High partnership just started this year, but has already proven successful, Kirkland said.

Out of the 14 students — many of them new Canadians — graduating this summer, seven have already been hired and three had job interviews for positions in Edmonton.

Some of these students had never held a hammer before the course, Centre High As-

“Students are so excited to be able to drive past a work site and show their family member that they're part of building it.”

Principal Kelly Harding

sistant Principal Kelly Harding said. At the end of it, they had built 15 playhouses for charity.

Because of the high cost of required safety certifications, many of these students might not have been able to enter the trade industry so quickly, she added.

"It's given them an opportunity to really engage in what it means to be part of a community," she said. "They are so excited to be able to drive past a work site and show their family member that they're part of building it."

PUBLIC INPUT

Survey asks transit habits

The city is hoping to get a snapshot of Edmontonians' travel patterns in a bid to paint a plan for the future of how you will get around.

Approximately 200,000 letters are going out to the public now asking people to report how and where they travel in the city in a bid to better understand how people get from A to B.

"The data we collect will allow us to make evidence-based decisions for Edmonton and the entire Capital Region," said the city's transportation manager Dorian Wandzura.

Wandzura said the information in the report could help the city decide on the priority and routing of future LRT lines and on where to make improvements to major road networks.

The city does the survey every 10 years. This latest version will be the first to incorporate the views of people in surrounding communities like St. Albert, Sherwood Park and Leduc.

Ross Danyluk, with Alberta Transportation said it's a chance to make sure all the investments the province is making are the right ones for the region.

"We're building transportation networks and a province that Albertans will continue to be proud of today and for many years to come."

RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

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Dorian Wandzura

EDUCATION

NorQuest grad reflects

Don McFadyen, one of NorQuest's first graduates, is reflecting on how the vocational school has changed as it celebrates its 50th anniversary.

McFadyen was among the first students to graduate with a high school diploma, in NorQuest's inaugural year.

He says, back then the program was designed for students to go on to do a trade, but his group intended to go on to univer-

sity, and the school made it possible.

There have been a lot of changes since McFadyen graduated. He says the most significant transformation he has seen is in the size of the school and the focus on teaching English to new Canadians.

According to NorQuest's website, there are 70 languages spoken on campus and about 60 per cent of the current student body was born outside Canada.

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Refugees dominate election

ELECTION 2015

Tories dealing with another trial involving top Harper aide

Party leaders are attempting to shift the public's focus to domestic issues including taxation and health care, as another week of campaigning in the federal election begins.

But questions surrounding Canada's role in alleviating the refugee crisis in the Middle East continue to dominate headlines.

And the trial this week of a former top aide to Conservative Leader Stephen Harper accused of influence-peddling could also cast a pall over the campaign.

But the Tories will be doing everything they can to cast light on their fiscal record while in office as the Finance Department unveils year-end figures for fiscal 2014-15, which could show that the government was on track to



NDP Leader Tom Mulcair speaks during a campaign stop at Spanish Banks Beach Park in Vancouver, on Sunday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

balance the budget.

Last month, the department reported a \$5-billion surplus for the April-June quarter, though Harper's opponents said that data was not up to date.

Harper repeated his party's pledge to lower small business tax rates during a campaign

stop in Ottawa's west end Sunday, where he attacked the Liberals and New Democrats over their proposed tax plans.

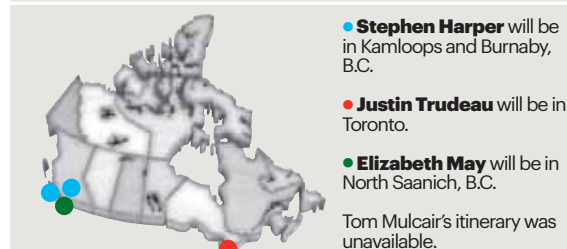
While campaigning in Vancouver, where his party hopes to make gains on Oct. 19, the NDP's Tom Mulcair announced that a government under his

leadership would spend \$1.8 billion over four years bolstering health care for seniors.

The NDP is hoping to frame week seven of the 11-week campaign around health ahead of the next leader's debate on Thursday in Calgary.

But it was Mulcair's promise

WHERE THE LEADERS ARE TODAY



to help Syrian refugees that had some of his party's supporters calling for even greater action.

Many New Democrats are urging their party to increase its election commitment to resettle 46,000 people over four years to as high as 100,000.

An emotional debate over how best to help some of the four million refugees who have fled fighting in Syria was fuelled earlier this month by the images of a dead three-year-old boy from Syria washing up on a Turkish beach.

In the meantime, former Harper senior adviser Bruce

Carson goes on trial Monday in an Ottawa court on one charge of influence-peddling, related to his work with a company that was trying to sell water-filtration systems to First Nation reserves.

The Carson case follows on the heels of the trial of Sen. Mike Duffy, which forced the Tories off of their message at the beginning of the campaign in August.

Carson has pleaded not guilty to the influence-peddling charge, as well as other accusations of illegal lobbying.

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LIBERALS

Ex-PM Chrétien comes out swinging for Trudeau

Justin Trudeau may be the one running in the election, but it was former prime minister Jean Chrétien who stole the spotlight at a Liberal rally in Hamilton on Sunday.

In a rousing 20-minute speech that fired up the crowd of party faithful, Chrétien slammed the Conservative government for its "embarrassing" response to the Syrian refugee crisis and attacked NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair for his stance on Quebec separation.

With Trudeau standing by his side at the podium, Chrétien

recalled that in decades past, Canada had welcomed thousands of refugees from places like Eastern Europe, Uganda and Vietnam.

"And there was no debate. There was no controversy. It was Canada opening the heart. It was what Canada was in those days," he said.

Chrétien said the Conservative government's handling of the refugee file was ruining the country's international reputation. "Everywhere I go, they say, 'What's happening to Canada? Where is the Canada

that we have known?'"

In the past 10 days the Conservatives have come under enormous pressure to do more to help refugees after photos of a drowned Syrian toddler on a Turkish beach scorched the world's conscience. On Saturday, Christian Paradis,

the minister for International Development, responded by announcing the government would match charitable donations for Syria, up to \$100 million.

Chrétien saved some of his harshest remarks for Mulcair's "irresponsible" promise to re-

peal the Clarity Act — a law that Chrétien's government passed in 2000 — which states that a "clear majority" of Quebecers would have to vote in favour of separation in order for the province to secede. Scrapping the law could lead to a referendum being decided by a simple majority of 50 per cent plus one.

Chrétien charged that some of the 59 Quebec MPs the NDP elected in 2011's so-called "Orange Wave" were separatists and accused the party of trying to "pander" to people who

want to break up the country. He concluded by shouting "Vive le Canada!" to raucous applause.

When Trudeau's turn came, he also hammered the NDP on the Clarity Act, accusing Mulcair of playing politics with national unity in order to "to gain a few votes from separatists."

"Mulcair, he wants to roll the dice. He wants to put separation back on the table and turn the clock back 20 years," Trudeau said.

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MEMORIAL REMEMBERING THOSE WHO SERVED Two firefighters walk along the Firefighters National Memorial wall inscribed with names of fallen firefighters during a service in Ottawa, Sunday. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Thirteen pot shops threatened

HEALTH

Clubs and dispensaries warned of possible raids

Health Canada has threatened pot dispensaries with police raids, but at least one organization wants more information on what it has done wrong.

The health agency con-

firmed it has sent letters to 13 compassion clubs and dispensaries warning of possible RCMP raids if they don't stop selling or advertising marijuana and comply with several demands.

The B.C. Compassion Club Society provides legally approved medical marijuana to more than 9,000 members, and spokeswoman Jamie Shaw said it doesn't advertise cannabis or cannabis products.

"It's confusing for us right



Until Health Canada actually develops a system that takes care of our members, we're not going to simply abandon them.

Jamie Shaw, B.C. Compassion Club Society

now. We're trying to figure out what the problem is," she said.

John Conroy, the society's lawyer, has fired off a terse letter to Health Canada.

He said the agency has a legal duty under the charter to explain the allegations, espe-

cially the suggestion that the society is encouraging Canadians to take part in potentially criminal activity.

Health Canada has not identified the dispensaries or explained why they were singled out, but Shaw said she has

heard from one organization in Victoria, B.C., and one in Whitewood, Sask., that have also received a letter.

Shaw said they are open to hearing Health Canada's concerns.

"If they are things that we can address or deal with, we will happily do so," she said.

"But in terms of actually closing and ceasing our operations, until Health Canada actually develops a system that takes care of our mem-

bers, we're not going to simply abandon them."

This is an issue members of the society have been willing to go to jail over for the past 18 years, she added.

A spokeswoman for the RCMP declined to comment.

The federal government was once the sole producer of medical marijuana, but two years ago it began licensing private producers who must follow strict criteria.

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Reserve needs road: Premier

FIRST NATIONS

Shoal Lake 40 cut off from mainland a century ago

Manitoba Premier Greg Selinger says residents of the Shoal Lake 40 First Nation deserve to see an all-weather road to their community move forward.

Selinger addressed a rally in Winnipeg on Saturday calling for the road to the community, which was cut off from the mainland a century ago during construction of an aqueduct to send clean water to Winnipeg.

Without a permanent road, residents rely on an aging barge in the summer and a treacherous ice road in the winter.

The First Nation is located on the Manitoba-Ontario boundary, and Selinger says in a news release that he recently spoke with Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne about the issue.

He says Wynne also expressed Manitoba's concern with the people from Shoal Lake 40.



Greg Selinger says that many residents have lost their lives crossing the ice road that they have to use to move in and out of the Shoal Lake 40 First Nation reserve in the winter.

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Both Manitoba and Winnipeg have said they will pay for one-third each of the road's construction if Ottawa kicks in the rest of

the estimated \$30-million cost. Selinger noted that many residents have lost their lives crossing the ice.

The Shoal Lake community has been under a boil-water advisory for 17 years due to a dam which funnels tainted water

“The provincial government remains steadfast in its commitment to share in building this road.”

Manitoba Premier
Greg Selinger

away from the Winnipeg aqueduct and towards the reserve.

The province says the lack of road access has long been identified as a barrier to economic opportunity for the community, and causes high costs which have prevented the construction of key community infrastructure, including a water treatment plant.

The federal Liberal party and the NDP have promised to fund the road if elected in October.

A 90-day crowdfunding campaign over the summer to pay for the federal government's share of the road fell short, raising only \$101,000 of the desired \$10 million. THE CANADIAN PRESS

CAPE BRETON

No lucky ace drawn

A wildly popular fundraising game that attracted thousands of people to a small Cape Breton town failed to find a big winner Saturday as the “Chase the Ace” jackpot grew to more than \$800,000.

The game of chance, which involves finding the ace of spades in a deck of playing cards, saw its jackpot grow from \$35 last October to \$884,147.76 on Saturday.

On top of that, the person with the winning ticket — and a chance to pick a card — got 20 per cent of the total ticket sales which on Saturday were just over \$941,000.

Mike Fraser, who's been the local legion's bartender for 20 years, says people came from as far away as New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island for a chance to play.

He says so many people were participating that a temporary cellphone tower was brought in to handle a surge in cellphone traffic.

The draw raised money for the local legion and a centre for adults with intellectual disabilities.

Cameron MacQuarrie, vice-president of the local Royal Canadian Legion, said the card drawn was a seven of hearts.

There are six cards left in the deck for the next draw on Sept. 26.

MacQuarrie said they are waiting two weeks so officials can come up with a plan for dealing with the influx of so many people to the small community. The streets of Inverness were jammed with cars Saturday and many private parking lots suddenly sprang up, most of them charging about \$10 for a spot.

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TRANSIT

Fired bus driver derides Calgary Pride as ‘sex event’

A transit driver who's been fired amid a controversy over Calgary's Pride bus says he wasn't alone in his reluctance to take the wheel of the rainbow-wrapped vehicle.

Jesse Rau says one driver even phoned him personally to say that he'd drive the Pride bus if he was assigned to it, but that he resented it.

Artur Pawlowski, pastor of the Street Church in Calgary of

which Rau is a member, said he's expecting hundreds of people to attend a rally in support of Rau.

Doug Morgan of Calgary Transit wasn't available on Saturday to answer whether other drivers expressed opposition to driving the bus. City officials said in their termination letter that Rau, who was still on probation, was losing his job for breaching the city's code of conduct and media relations policy.

“I was really grilled by quotes that other people made on my Facebook,” Rau said about a meeting he had with his bosses. “They're not my views. I shouldn't even be asked about them.”

Craig Sklenar with Calgary Pride said the organization wasn't commenting on the case.

The termination letter, which Rau distributed to media on Friday, pointed out that Rau had

never been asked to operate the Pride bus and was specifically advised he would not be assigned to it. It also says Rau falsely accused the city of fabricating a driving complaint against him in order to “sabotage” him. It also says he posted “Nazi-related content” to Facebook. Rau said it's clear the posts are anti-Nazi and that he explained that to his bosses.

“They didn't understand the photo,” he said. “I believe we're

losing our freedoms in the West.”

Rau calls the Pride parade a “sex event.” The Street Church, meanwhile, has condemned gay people on its website as minions of Satan. He said that after he expressed his opposition to driving the bus, Calgary Transit eventually asked drivers if they wanted to drive it. “That's awesome. That's how it should have been in the first place,” Rau said.

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Newcomer 'one of the luckiest'

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Canada Reacts

Woman reflects on her escape from strife, new life in B.C.

Mai Eilia asks one question when she sends Facebook messages to friends in her war-ravaged homeland of Syria: "Are you still alive?"

"When you ask someone you know this question, you know how bad it is," she said from her apartment in downtown Vancouver. "Are you still alive? Barely. They're barely alive."

In contrast to the crowds now trying desperately to reach freedom, Eilia easily claimed asylum two years ago using a tourist visa to enter Canada.

"I'm one of the luckiest people you will ever find in the whole world, seriously," she said.

Canada's response to the Syrian refugee crisis has only recently become a major issue, as other countries grapple with the same challenge.

Since civil war broke out in 2011, more than four million Syrians have escaped. Canada had resettled 2,374 people as of late August, according to Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

Eilia nearly forgot she had a golden ticket.

The conflict erupted at the same time she was suffering her own crisis — divorce and the end of an employment contract in Dubai.



Mai Eilia, who came to Canada from Syria in 2013, now lives in Vancouver and works at an advertising agency.

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All she wanted was the comfort of her family in Aleppo, her hometown and Syria's largest city. Instead, Syrian President Bashar Assad's regime threatened the life of her father, an activist with the banned, left-wing Democratic People's Party. "Our house was abandoned, my mom and dad had left the city, I had no one there," she said.

But somehow — she'll never know how — she had obtained a valid Canadian tourist visa, granted in 2012 when many of her friends and relatives had been denied.

Eilia was accepted into Canada through Montreal's airport in December 2013 and immediately applied for asylum. She then became the conduit for her



I'm not political, but I understand that there's a war and someone has to do something about it.

Mai Eilia

brother, sister and two nephews to make the same claims. She expects her permanent residency in about one year.

Eilia said she's angry about the crisis because countries with power to act remain silent about what caused it — the war.

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IN BRIEF**Scots might vote again on independence: SNP**

The Scottish National Party (SNP) will set out the time-scale for another possible referendum on independence in its upcoming manifesto.

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon says the manifesto will include more details about how another vote may be "appropriate."

She stressed it was up to Scots to decide to have another vote, and she will only hold one if she thinks it would be successful.

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Strong quake, no damage

A strong earthquake shook communities along the Gulf of California on Sunday, but there were no immediate reports of damage.

The U.S. Geological Survey said the magnitude 6.6 quake struck at 1:14 a.m. local time at a depth of 10 kilometres (6 miles). The offshore epicentre was 48 miles (79 kilometres) south-southwest of Los Mochis.

It was preceded by two other earthquakes of magnitude 4.9 and 5.3.

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Boat capsizes, at least 28 die

EUROPE

Hungary sets new record for asylum seekers crossing border

At least 28 people seeking a better life in Europe drowned Sunday as they attempted a wind-swept sea crossing from Turkey to Greece, while a record number of asylum seekers reached Hungary's border with Serbia just two days before the government vows to make it more difficult to cross.

Greece's coast guard said the 28, including four infants and 10 older children, died when their wooden boat containing more than 125 people capsized near Farmakonissi. The island lies midway between Samos and Kos, two of the favoured targets for smugglers sending thousands of people daily to the Greek islands.

Officials said 68 others were rescued while 30 more swam to the barely populated island. Coast guard officials said the boat may have been toppled in part because of wind gusts exceeding 50 kph (30 mph).

Sunday's tragedy came just a day after two other boats capsized and at least five people — four children and a 20-year-old man — were presumed drowned. The coast guard said they are still searching for those bodies.

In Hungary, army engineers crowned the top of the planned 174-kilometre (109-mile) border fence with razor wire as the government warned, from Tuesday onward, any asylum seekers caught breaking through the barrier would be arrested and charged.

Police said 4,330 were spotted crossing in the previous 24 hours, more than 700 higher than the previous one-day record, as trekkers strove to reach Hungary before the tougher

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This year, more than 175,000 people have passed into Hungary from Serbia, headed to Western Europe.

security measures take effect.

This year, more than 175,000 have passed through Hungary from Serbia en route to Western Europe, and the government of Prime Minister Viktor Orban says it's determined to make Hungary a more difficult challenge, with deployments of troops and potential prison terms part of the deterrent.

Hungary's lawmakers have not voted yet on whether to back government plans to deploy more than 3,000 troops in support of border police, but dozens of soldiers already were patrolling the fence Sunday.

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Sohrab Naveed, 1, whose family comes from Kabul, Afghanistan, is held by his mother while waiting with others to board a bus after crossing the Serbian-Hungarian border on Sunday.

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NEW DELHI

Man sought after deadly blast

Police in central India were looking Sunday for a man blamed for a massive explosion at a restaurant that killed 90 people, as angry residents protested the handling of the case.

A cooking gas cylinder exploded at the restaurant Saturday morning, triggering a second blast of mine detonators stored next to the establishment, located in the town of Petlawad in Madhya Pradesh state.

The state's top elected official, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, faced about 50 angry

protesters when he visited the site. The protesters, shouting slogans and waving black flags, forced Chouhan to step out of his car and listen to their complaints against local authorities.

Police officer Kamlesh Bamanani said the protesters were angry Petlawad police had failed to arrest Rajendra Kashawa, a contractor who was accused of illegally storing the detonators.

Bamanani said Saturday that Kashawa had died in the explosions. But on Sunday, he said police had information he was

absconding. Police have filed a case of criminal negligence against Kashawa and are looking for him, Bamanani said.

Kashawa had been given a license to purchase detonators for his business of digging wells, but had stored the detonators illegally in a room adjacent to the restaurant, Bamanani said.

The restaurant, next to a major bus station, was crowded.

The building where the restaurant was located and an adjacent one were destroyed in the explosion. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CRIME

Gem of a plot foiled by doctor

The good news for the Chinese visitor to Bangkok was that a doctor had successfully removed a foreign object from her large intestine that could have harmed her.

The bad news: It was a 10-million-baht (\$278,000 US) diamond the woman was accused of stealing from a jewelry fair, adding a piece of rock-hard evidence to the case against her.

Police Col. Mana Tienmaungpak said Sunday that authorities got to the bottom of the theft when a doctor wielding

a colonoscope and the medical equivalent of pliers pulled the six-carat gemstone from the large intestine of the woman after nature and laxatives failed to get it out.

The woman and a Chinese man were arrested Thursday night at Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi Airport on their way out of Thailand on the basis of surveillance video from the fair just outside Bangkok, where earlier that day the duo allegedly switched a fake stone for the real one after asking

to inspect it. The dealer at the booth selling the diamond also identified the two.

The suspects initially denied involvement, but X-rays showed a diamond-like object in the woman's intestine, and police said she then confessed.

Mana, the chief investigator for the case, said the woman agreed to Sunday's delicate operation after being told that the gemstone risked injuring her. The diamond's owner identified the stone after it was removed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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California wildfires prompt evacuation

NATURAL DISASTERS

Twin blazes destroy dozens of homes

Within 12 hours of igniting, a wildfire burning north of San Francisco had swallowed up more than 155 square kilometres of land, injured four firefighters and burned highways and buildings, prompting an emergency declaration and forcing thousands to flee.

The emergency declaration Sunday by Gov. Jerry Brown for Lake and Napa counties frees up resources for the blaze, burning about 160 kilometres north of San Francisco.

The fire in Lake County erupted Saturday afternoon and rapidly chewed through brush and trees parched from several years of drought, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection said. Entire towns as well as residents along a 56-kilo-

metre stretch of highway were evacuated.

The firefighters, all members of a helicopter crew, were airlifted to a hospital burn unit, where they were being treated for second-degree burns and were listed in stable condition, spokesman Daniel Berlant said.

Brown had declared a state of emergency for a separate 262-square-kilometre wildfire about 113 kilometres southeast of Sacramento which has turned the grassy, tree-studded Sierra Nevada foothills an eerie white.

Crews increased containment on that blaze to 20 per cent by early Sunday.

The fire, which broke out on Wednesday, destroyed 81 homes and 51 outbuildings and was threatening about 6,400 more.

"I lost my business — it's all burned up — my shop, my house, 28 years of living," said Joe Thomas, who lives near the community of Mountain Ranch. "I got to start all over. It's depressing."

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Lake County sheriff's officers prepare to evacuate Butts Canyon Road in Middletown, Calif., as the fire jumps a highway, Saturday. KENT PORTER/THE PRESS DEMOCRAT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FATAL ERROR

At least 12 killed in Egypt, mistaken for terrorists by forces

At least 12 people were killed and 10 injured in Egypt's southwestern desert Sunday when armed forces mistakenly fired on a group of Mexican tourists, Egyptian officials said.

The Mexican Foreign Ministry confirmed the incident and said at least two of the dead were Mexican nationals. It said in a statement that the victims were still being identified, and Foreign Ministry personnel were working with the families.

The Egyptian ministry said that police and armed forces were pursuing terrorist elements in the area and fired on four cars that turned out to be carrying tourists.

The ministry said the victims

were Mexican and Egyptian.

Jorge Alvarez Fuentes, Mexico's ambassador to Egypt, and consular representatives were at the Hospital Dar-el-Fouad in suburban Cairo. Alvarez had interviewed five survivors, according to the Foreign Ministry statement. It did not provide details of what the survivors said.

Foreign Minister Claudia Ruiz Massieu was in contact with Egypt's ambassador to Mexico and demanded a thorough investigation, and an explanation into what happened, the statement said. She also demanded the support of Egyptian authorities for Mexican nationals being transported to Cairo.

Egypt has been battling an Islamic insurgency in northern Sinai for years, but attacks targeting mainly the army and police escalated and spread to the mainland, after the July 2013 military ouster of Islamist President Mohamed Morsi.

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TUNISIA

Protests against amnesty law

Hundreds of Tunisians marched Saturday through the capital under heavy security to protest a law offering amnesty for those accused of corruption.

The controversial draft law on economic reconciliation is a centerpiece of the new government's program and seeks to boost the economy by clearing cases against businessmen and civil servants accused of corruption.

Opponents to the law, however, see it as an attempt to

whitewash the crimes of the old regime and ignore an ongoing process of transitional justice.

"No to reconciliation that whitewashes corruption!"

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It is shameful for us to reconcile with the corrupt.

Charfeddine Kerrel

protesters chanted as they marched. "No to despotism and reconciliation with corruption!"

Charfeddine Kerrel, head of the We Won't Pardon organization, said he feared the law was only the beginning of returning to the dictatorship.

A nationalist party, Nida Tunis, came to power in an election last fall and rules in alliance with the Islamist Ennahda party. Both support the new law. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAUDI ARABIA

King visits injured in Mecca

Saudi King Salman and the imam of the Grand Mosque in the holy city of Mecca visited those injured Friday by the deadly collapse of a giant construction crane.

Sheikh Abdul Rahman Al Sudais, the imam of the Grand Mosque, visited some of the wounded in the hospital Sunday, bringing copies of the Qur'an and bottles of water from the sacred well of Zamzam. King Salman also visited some of the wounded on Satur-

day evening, accompanied by his son, Deputy Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman.

At least 107 people were killed in the accident and at least 238 injured when the massive crane, which was working on an expansion of the Grand Mosque, collapsed in the midst of a fierce windstorm and crashed on top of the mosque.

The Grand Mosque and the cube-shaped Kaaba within it draw Muslims of all types from

around the world throughout the year, though numbers increase significantly in the run-up to the annual hajj pilgrimage. The mosque is Islam's holiest site, and Muslims the world over pray in the direction of the Kaaba, which is also at the heart of the hajj rituals.

Performing the pilgrimage during one's lifetime is a duty for all able-bodied adult Muslims. This year's pilgrimage is expected to start around Sept. 22. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Yemeni President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

No peace talks until rebels withdraw

YEMEN

President will not sit in on UN-brokered talks this week

Yemen's internationally recognized president will not participate in UN-brokered talks later this week with Shiite rebels who control the capital and much of the country's north, his office said Sunday.

The statement said there would be no talks with the rebels, known as Houthis, unless they accept a UN resolution that obliges them to withdraw from areas they seized and surrender weapons taken from state institutions.

The announcement came as President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi's government, currently in self-exile in Saudi Arabia, is making preparations to return to the port city of Aden at the end of this month following the Muslim Eid al-Adha holiday, two senior Yemeni government officials told The Associated Press.

More than 200 Saudi, Emirati and Yemeni troops have come

to Aden in the past two weeks to help secure the city and pave the way for the government's long-planned return, according to Aden's governor Nayef al-Bakri and pro-government security officials.

Many Yemeni troops who were sent for training in Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates are returning to fight, pro-government officials said, reflecting the administration's confidence that it can hold onto the key city that has been bitterly contested by the various sides in the conflict. Parts of Aden are currently controlled by al-Qaida.

Hadi fled Yemen earlier this year for Saudi Arabia, which is leading a U.S.-backed coalition that has been striking the Iran-supported rebels from the air since March.

Yemen's conflict pits an array of forces against the Houthi rebels, who are allied with security forces loyal to former President Ali Abdullah Saleh. The conflict has killed more than 4,000 people, leaving the Arab world's poorest country in the grip of a humanitarian crisis and on the brink of famine.

Several previous attempts to

get the parties to end the conflict have failed, and it has proven nearly impossible to arrange a humanitarian pause to deliver desperately needed aid.

Also Sunday, a delegation of anti-rebel militia leaders from Aden travelled to Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates at the request of the Hadi government to meet Yemeni and coalition officials, said anti-rebel militia leader Adeeb al-Eisy.

Pro-government officials said the visits aim to convince these fighters to lay down their weapons and withdraw from Aden and neighbouring Lahj and Abyan provinces.

Anti-rebel militia fighters have refused to surrender their weapons to civil police, which is understaffed and not trained for full-scale combat, arguing it would leave them all defenceless in the face of al-Qaida militants and other extremists, officials from both sides said.

Many of the anti-rebel forces also distrust the Yemeni government, especially young fighters who take credit for "the liberation of Aden" and see no reason to follow orders from others, they added.

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Palestinians chant slogans during a demonstration in the old city on Sunday. TSAFRIR ABAYOV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Protesters occupy site

JERUSALEM

Clashes close Al-Aqsa Mosque for three hours

Israeli police briefly clashed with Palestinian protesters at Jerusalem's most sensitive holy site early Sunday, raising tensions in the holy city ahead of the Jewish New Year.

Police spokesman Mick Rosenfeld said forces moved into the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound at around 7 a.m. Sunday after police received reports that protesters were planning to disrupt visits to the area by Jewish worshippers and tourists.

He said the protesters barricaded themselves inside the mosque and threw rocks and firecrackers at police. He said police did not enter the mosque, but removed barri-

cades around the building. Suspected pipe bombs were found at the entrance to the mosque, police spokeswoman Luba Samri said.

Police released video showing lit firecrackers and other objects thrown by Palestinians inside the mosque at the officers on the outside with some firecrackers exploding within the holy site. There were no reports of arrests or injuries. The site was closed for three hours during the standoff but then re-opened for visitors.

Abdelazem Salhab, an official with the Waqf, the Islamic body that runs the site, accused police of causing "wide damage" inside the mosque.

"They crashed many windows and damaged many carpets," he said.

Police said they did not enter the site, and that any damage was caused by fireworks ignited by Palestinian protesters inside.

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+ REVERED BY MUSLIMS AND JEWS

Site flashpoint for violence

The hilltop compound is revered by Jews as the Temple Mount, site of the two biblical Jewish temples. Muslims call the site the Noble Sanctuary and revere it as the spot where the Prophet Muhammad ascended to heaven.

The site is a frequent flashpoint of violence. Since Israel captured east Jerusalem from Jordan in 1967, Jewish worshippers have been allowed to visit — but not pray — at the site. The area is administered by Muslim authorities and is

under Jordanian custody. Muslim authorities view the presence of Jewish worshippers and Israeli police as a provocation and accuse Jewish extremists of plotting to take over the site.

"Jews have no rights in the mosque and its courtyard," said Abdelazem Salhab, an official with the Waqf, the Islamic body that runs the site. "The role of Israeli authorities as the occupying power is protecting this site from non-Muslims who plan to take it over, not helping them."

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SYRIA

Russia expanding key airport: Group

Russian forces are expanding the tarmac of a major airport in Syria's coastal province of Latakia, a stronghold of President Bashar Assad and his minority sect, a prominent Syrian monitoring group said Sunday.

The report comes amid rising concern among U.S. officials of increased Russian military activity in Syria. President Barack Obama cast the build-up as an effort to prop up the country's embattled leader.

Russia, a longtime backer of Syria's government, denies it's trying to bolster Assad and says its increased military activity is part of the international effort to defeat the Islamic State of Iraq and Levant (ISIL). On Sunday, the Russian foreign minister called for the international community to include the Syrian government in efforts to fight ISIL.

A former Lebanese general said last week that there are

plans to build a military base in the coastal town of Jableh, about 25 kilometres south of Latakia city, where the airport currently under development is located. Israeli officials also say the aim appears to be a military base. The airport, known by its old name Hemeimeem, already houses a military base and has come under shelling from advancing militants in the countryside.

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Obama goes extra mile for pontiff

PAPAL TRIP

Rare airport welcome awaits Francis on U.S. visit

When Pope Francis arrives in the United States, he will get an airport welcome that few world leaders have ever received: a plane-side greeting from President Barack Obama.

The extraordinary gesture on Sept. 22 is just the beginning of the pomp and protocol that Washington will put on display to welcome the leader of the world's 1.2 billion Roman Catholics and the head of Vatican City on his first U.S. visit.

The next day, Francis will be just the third pope to visit the White House, being greeted as most heads of state are, with his car pulling slowly up the South Lawn's driveway to the spot where a red carpet will be rolled out and Obama and his wife, Michelle, will be waiting.

The president and the Pope met for the first time in March 2014 at the Vatican, and Obama has been outspoken about his admiration for the 78-year-old native of Argentina. Despite differences over abortion, the two have found common ground on such issues as U.S. policy toward Cuba and Iran, climate change, and poverty and income inequality.

"So much of arrival ceremonies are steeped in history and tradition," said Anita McBride, who was an assistant to former U.S. president George W. Bush, who received Pope Benedict XVI at the White House in April 2008. "Every arrival ceremony is important."

Francis has shown little interest in protocol and the trappings of his office. But he does put himself through the motions of diplomatic etiquette to be respectful of his hosts.

The motions at the White

House for Francis will last for just about 90 minutes.

Popes and U.S. presidents share a nearly 100-year history of interaction, with more than two dozen meetings since the first one at the Vatican on Jan. 4, 1919, between President Woodrow Wilson and Pope Benedict XV after World War I. President Jimmy Carter received the first papal visit to the White House by John Paul II in October 1979.

Bush and his wife, Laura, greeted Benedict at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland. The military base just outside of Washington is the official point of entry for visiting foreign dignitaries.

Obama travels there regularly for his out-of-town trips, but rarely goes just to welcome visitors. He'll be accompanied next week by his wife.

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“Every arrival ceremony is important.”
Anita McBride



HOLY DIP HINDUS CELEBRATE KUMBH MELA FESTIVAL Women pray on Sunday after a holy dip on the second 'shahi snaan' or royal bath in the river Godavari during the ongoing Kumbh Mela, or Pitcher Festival, in Nasik, India. Hindus believe taking a dip in the waters of a holy river during the festival will cleanse them of their sins. MANISH SWARUP/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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NFL makes big data play

TECHNOLOGY

Tracking chips will provide coaches with real-time info

It won't just be bodies crunching on the NFL gridiron this season: teams and coaches will be getting data from every player with new technology unveiled on Friday.

Zebra Technologies, an Illinois firm known for barcode readers and inventory tracking, announced an agreement to install location-tracking sensors in the shoulder pads of NFL players. The tracking chips will provide data to coaches and players, as well as to armchair quarterbacks, to help analyze performance and what is going right and wrong on the field. "These location-tracking devices from Zebra Technologies will provide real-time statistics for every movement of every player on every inch of the field in every NFL game this season," the company said in a statement.

The systems rely on RFID or radio frequency identification technology, similar to what is used by manufacturers and retailers to track the location of merchandise and manage inventory.

Zebra installed RFID receivers in all 31 stadiums used by



Sensors in the shoulder pads of players will transmit details to team officials and armchair quarterbacks alike, to help analyze what is going right and wrong. TIMOTHY A. CLARY/AFP

the NFL.

These receivers are pinged

by coin-sized tracking sensors on each player to identify the

location, motion, and direction of every player through-

“If a quarterback is being tightly pressured, the solution will tell the story of exactly when and where.”

Zebra Technologies

out a game.

"These sensor tags can blink up to 85 times per second and transmit motion within 120 milliseconds," the statement said.

"If a quarterback is being tightly pressured, the solution will tell the story of exactly when and where."

Zebra, which tested the system last season in 18 stadiums, said the technology "is giving the NFL more of this intelligence and insight into their game than ever before, including player distance travelled, maximum and average speeds, and accelerations and decelerations."

Fans watching on television will also have access to the data with live broadcast graphics.

The season for the most popular U.S. sport opened Thursday with a 28-21 win by the Super Bowl champion New England Patriots over the Pittsburgh Steelers.

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EURO CURRENCY GROUP

No new terms for Greece

The head of the euro currency group of countries has ruled out any renegotiation of the massive loan program meant to save Greece's economy, a week ahead of general elections there.

Greeks go to the polls on Sept. 17 with former prime minister Alexis Tsipras seeking a stronger mandate to implement unpopular reforms needed to secure the 86 billion euros (\$97 billion US) rescue program.

Eurogroup chief Jeroen Dijsselbloem said Saturday that renegotiation is "not possible" regardless of who wins "so work must continue" on reforms required to secure the loans.

Speaking after chairing a meeting of the 19-nation currency bloc, he said that finance ministers had not discussed any debt relief for Greece.

The International Monetary Fund insists on Greek debt relief before taking part in any new bailout.

The radical left Syriza party of Tsipras is pulling ahead of the conservative main opposition party, according to an opinion poll published Friday.

All polls conducted so far show no party able to win enough parliamentary seats to govern without coalition partners. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

JARED FOGLE CASE

Subway admits 2011 complaint

The Subway restaurant chain said it received a "serious" complaint about Jared Fogle when he was the company's spokesman but that the complaint did not imply any criminal sexual activity.

The company issued a state-

ment Friday saying it has completed an internal investigation into whether it was alerted to concerns about Fogle.

A Subway spokeswoman said the company received the "serious" complaint in 2011 from Rochelle Herman-Walrond, a

former journalist from Florida who revealed publicly to WWSB-TV in Sarasota last month that she also took her concerns to the FBI and secretly recorded her phone conversations with Fogle.

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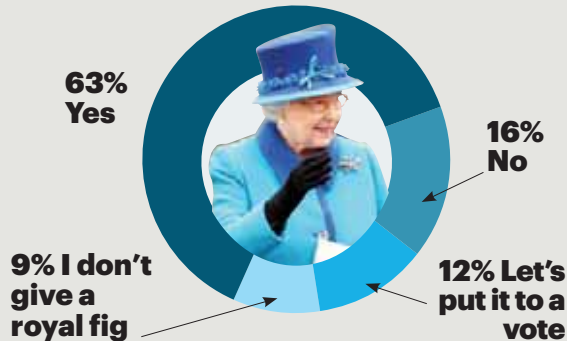
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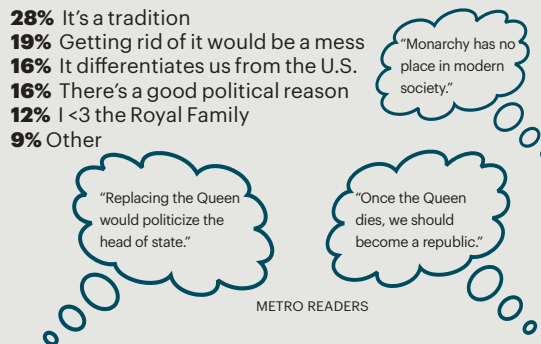
1 Do you want Canada to remain a constitutional monarchy?



2 What do you think will be the future of the Crown in Canada?



3 If you want to keep the monarchy, why?



Here's what you can do today to help refugees

FOOTNOTES

Omar Mouallem



About a year ago, on a train bound for Charles de Gaulle Airport, I locked eyes with a middle-aged Middle Eastern man. Noting my Lebanese features, he greeted me in Arabic. I rarely get to flex my (feeble) second language so I was pleased, but quickly he turned to asking me for money. He was a migrant, he explained, on his way to welcome more family members, and could I spare 10 or 20 Euros?

I conjured every reason to refuse, though I didn't say them all aloud: The trip had cost a fortune; I needed my last bill for the layover; my looming flight left little time to find a bank machine; he was too aggressive. Angry, he reminded me of the countless Lebanese who took refuge in

Syria during its drawn civil war, and shamed me for how Canada had changed me. I finally thought I'd had a valid excuse: He'd insulted me.

It took 13 months for me to realize that insult was deserved. Like so many Canadians, it took seeing a baby face-down in the sand to see the thousands of other images of oppressed refugees hiding in plain site since 2011.

And to notice how far gone this once famously generous nation is from its past humanitarianism. Many have blamed our Conservative government, but we only have ourselves to blame for ignoring them and for the shame on this nation.

Over the past week, I've reached out to numerous local agencies to find out how Edmontonians can help.

1. Send kids to kindergarten

Since 2014, Edmonton-based Humanserve International has worked with partners in Beirut to fund a

kindergarten for 40 refugee students. The school employs displaced Syrian teachers and a social worker. You can donate at humanserve.org.

2. Greet a family at the airport

About 150 Syrian refugees will arrive at the Edmonton airport in the coming months. Omer Yaqub of Islamic Family & Social Services Association, says having someone there to greet them makes a huge difference. "Most of them are OK financially ... but (locals) can support those families with household provisions, helping them integrate into Canada, inviting them to dinner."

3. Help hire full-time services

Most of the IFSSA and Edmonton Mennonite Centre's human resources for refugees are volunteers with big hearts but little expertise. "We want to pay someone to do that work (full-time), take a year to learn to navigate the system, and set processes and system in place," says Yaqub. Refugees

often suffer from PTSD, which is hard to treat without social workers and counsellors. Donate at ifssa.ca or emcn.ab.ca.

4. Get professionals certified

Many foreign professionals struggle to find meaningful work because their certification isn't recognized here. Edmonton Region Immigrant Employment Council depends on skilled volunteers to mentor newcomers to upgrade their qualifications (eriec.ca).

5. Sponsor as a community

Few can afford \$27,000 to sponsor a family, but through the Calgary-based Mennonite Central Committee you can form a sponsorship group. "We prefer groups of more than three," says program director Orlando Vasquez. "A community is welcoming a refugee." (Mcccanada.ca).

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

metroview

The taboo against saying you were raped is dwindling

Early this year, a friend worried rape would — post-Jian Ghomeshi — disappear from the news, and be forgotten.

I disagree. It may not make headlines every day, but we've crossed a threshold into a world where a young woman like Aspen Matis not only feels bold enough to write a memoir revealing her own rape on the second day of college, but a world where we're keen to listen. Whatever taboo exists around saying you were raped is dwindling, and it should taper further with this book. "I found it really cathartic and empowering to be able to take something so terrible that happened in my life, and turn it into art, and process it, and turn it into something beautiful — hopefully beautiful — that could be of use in the world," Matis told me.

Now 25, she was 19 when she was assaulted in her own dorm room by a fellow student. Nineteen, too, when she began hiking the 4,286-kilometre Pacific Crest Trail, a sojourn she recounts in her book, *Girl in the Woods*, which is being released tomorrow.

Part adventure memoir, part rape memoir — the latter having all but become its own genre, as more women decide to recount the breadth and scope of a single rape.

There are snow and mountains, food dwindling to a few cashews, life-or-death moments. There is the spectre

of the rape. But looming over both is a woman's desperate search for her independence.

Matis grew up dependent on her mother. The rape, she told me, felt like a confirmation that she really was incapable for caring for herself. Then, her parents didn't want to talk about it. Her campus' response was woefully inadequate. The rape became a secret that weighed like a cramp, a "dark pearl in your gut." She first published an essay about the rape in the *New York Times* in 2012, and it helped shrink her guilt. The book has gone further.

"The shame is not on me, that's misplaced shame," she said. "Shame on him."

Written in full exposure of her own weaknesses, with stream-of-consciousness narration, the book explores the struggle for self-love that we all go through, but that becomes, for a rape victim, essential.

"The rape was not the end of my life, it was the beginning of something bigger. That was a really exciting discovery," she told me.

Matis said she hopes the book helps other rape survivors find their voices, in whatever way they can, and add to this new culture of transparency around sexual assault.

"You are never the only one," Matis said. Proof the frank talk of rape is here it stay.

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SCIENCE FACT

NASA's adviser for The Martian on reaching the Red Planet

Ned Ehrbar
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The Martian offers a tantalizing — if harrowing — glimpse into what the future of space exploration holds, but how close are we really to commencing manned missions to the red planet?

NASA's planetary science division director Jim Green, who served as a technical adviser on the film, lays out what it will really take for us to get our asses to Mars.

Getting to Mars:

"What you probably aren't really aware of is we're developing a whole series of technologies, not only from the technology organization at NASA but the Science Organization and Human Exploration Organization. They each have various aspects of the journey to Mars, to be able to meet at the end and make something happen in the 2030s and 2040s," Green says.

"For instance, Human Exploration is building the SLS, the space launch system, which is even more capable than the Saturn 5. That will get, with the Orion capsule, the astronauts to Mars. In addition to that, from a scientific perspective,



We are still long away from getting marooned on Mars, like Matt Damon does in *The Martian*. CONTRIBUTED

we have a whole variety of missions to Mars, and we're going to continue to do that over the next couple of decades. With those missions, we look at various areas that would support habitats and what we would do in living and working on Mars. And so we're really moving ahead in finding out everything we can about Mars that would support human exploration in addition to understanding Mars as a terrestrial planet.

"And then in the technology area they're building the ion engines. They're building these

25-kilowatt ion engines that will haul tens of tons of material back and forth to Mars. And a lot of that technology is being built right now but you're just not aware of it. But that's where we're going. We're going to Mars. We're at the stage where Mars actually is our next step."

But these things take time:

"History repeats itself in many ways, and there was a hiatus between the time we stood down on the Saturn 5s and actually when we got the shuttle going," Green explains.



We're going to Mars. We're at the stage where Mars is actually our next step.

NASA planetary science division director Jim Green

"And it's because NASA has a certain budget and it has a certain phasing that has to go on, and you have to be able to retire something to be able to

free up the additional money to be able to invest in and build and complete the next set of things that you're doing, and that's true with SLS."

But we still love the moon, don't worry:

"The moon, as an important part of our solar system and our Earth, is really a staging ground. It's an area where we're going to approve a variety of technologies before we go to Mars," Green says.

"It will probably be an area where we're going to go back and forth to Mars and we'll have a small weigh station, if you will, at the moon. So the moon will still play a very important part of our steps. So it's not like we're going to ignore it."

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LONDON ROAD

Director says film's central character is the community

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With *London Road*, British director Rufus Norris brings one of the more unique and intriguing narrative films to the Toronto International Film Festival this year. The film, adapted from a stage production of the same name, chronicles the lives of a community in Ipswich rocked by a serial killer preying on prostitutes around *London Road*, hurtling the ensemble cast (led by Olivia Colman and featuring a cameo by Tom Hardy) through the panic, the manhunt, the ensuing trial and the efforts to get life back to normal.

The catch is that all of the dialogue is taken verbatim from interviews conducted by writer Alecky Blythe. Oh, and it's a musical.



Tom Hardy has a cameo in *London Road* as a singing taxi driver. HANDOUT

I've been describing this movie to people as a "documentary musical," which isn't exactly accurate. How do you describe it?

We call it a verbatim musical, but verbatim is one of those words a lot of people don't understand. Documentary musical? I mean, it's not a documentary. It's sort of a document. But I hope one day that when people say "musical," it represents a broader spectrum than people have in their imaginations now.

What adapting it from the stage to the screen entail?

The thing is with the way that Alecky works is every single word, grunt or utterance is exactly as it was recorded. The actors say what the real people said, and they say it exactly as they said it. The script itself, what's actually spoken or sung, has not changed radically... But structurally it's totally different — the order in which things play — conceptually it's quite different.

One of the challenges was

that on stage if you've got 11 people playing 70 parts, and you start with the 11 people being a group — in this case the residents of *London Road* — then you never forget about them being the protagonists because they're presented to you as the people who are telling the story through all these other characters, if that makes sense. In a film it doesn't work like that because you've got 70 actors playing the parts, and actually what we found was the key people that we wanted

the audience to follow didn't really feature in it quite that much.

They kick it off and then they come back.

In a way, that's what we did is we made it kick off and come back. In the end we said every scene in the film has to relate to the central character, which is the road and the community. It's the story of a community that heals itself. So for example, Tom Hardy in a taxi driving one of the residents back to the road: In story terms, the important thing is that he's driving back to *London Road* and that he's doing the head in of the person in the back of the car — who eventually leaves *London Road* because her head is done in, partly by Tom Hardy. In reality, that speech was delivered to Alecky in a pub, and there were no residents there. So what he says is exactly as the guy said it, but the situation in which it's said is totally different to support the narrative of the movie. In real life the guy who said that to Alecky ended up getting fired for being too creepy.

FESTIVAL BRIEF

Eye in the Sky tells 'urgent' story: Helen Mirren

Oscar winner Helen Mirren touted the timeliness of her military drama *Eye in the Sky* as it arrived at TIFF.

The suspense tale, about a British-led drone mission in Nairobi, made its world premiere less than a month after U.K. forces used a drone to kill three ISIL fighters in Syria, including two Britons.

"I do think it's urgent because the whole business of drone warfare is such a burgeoning way of fighting war," said Mirren.

"This is happening in our name and what I'm so proud about the movie — about (director) Gavin (Hood)'s way of approaching the subject — is it's so nuanced; that the morality in that story, any one of us would sit here going:

'I don't know. I don't know what to do.'" THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Jake Gyllenhaal on the red carpet. ELIZABETH BEDDALL/METRO

Gyllenhaal not a little chicken

CHILDHOOD

Actor penned letter to KFC asking for dish to be revived

Ned Ehrbar
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What do Jake Gyllenhaal and the late 60 Minutes grump Andy Rooney have in common? A knack for complaining, apparently. At least when it comes to KFC.

While promoting his Toronto International Film Festival premiere of *Demolition*, Gyllenhaal copped to a youthful turn at letter-writing when the fast food chicken chain discontinued his favourite menu item.

"When I was a little child, I was at school and we were supposed to learn how to write letters and complaint letters. And so I decided to write to Kentucky Fried Chicken and tell them that I was upset that they had discontinued Chicken Littles, which were a particular type of mini hamburger with fried chicken in the middle of it," Gyllenhaal admits. "It was deeply upsetting to me at the time and I felt like they should bring them back."

KFC did in fact bring them back, but not until 2012. Still, a delayed victory is a victory.

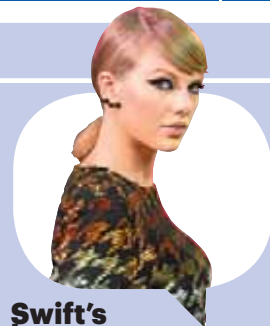
"I think I indirectly had something to do with that," he jokes. "It's empowering and I encourage most people, if they can, to really express themselves and bring back whatever they feel like has been taken away from them in their lives. In my case, really important things like fried chicken. Seriously."

GOSSIP BRIEFS

Sweet couple

Avengers stable-mates Tom Hiddleston and Elizabeth Olsen may not have confirmed those pesky dating rumours that have been dogging them for the better part of this year, but they sure looked cozy and couple-like while celebrating the Toronto Film Festival premiere of their new film, *I Saw the Light*.

Not just cozy but super-adorable. Hiddleston and Olsen walked the red carpet together, posing for photos with Hiddleston wrapping an arm around Olsen's waist. And after the premiere of the Hank Williams biopic, the pair looked extra-cute goofing off with a movie-themed cake.



Swift's law

Taylor Swift has made no secret of her love for long-running NBC staple *Law & Order: SVU*, even going so far as naming one of her cats, Olivia Benson, after Mariska Hargitay's character.

So if she loves the show so much, why doesn't she just marry it? Or at least do a cameo on it? I mean, literally anyone can get on at least one episode.

Well, as it turns out, Swift is working on doing just that, at least according to Hargitay.

"We just talked about it," the actress says of getting Swift onto the show. "We're going to wait until the end of the tour to see how it goes. But it's in the air." NED EHRBAR/METRO HOLLYWOOD

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Doing what you love comes with its own challenges

Eleni Deacon
For Metro Canada



At the end of a particularly stressful workday, you probably want to get far away from your fluorescent-lit cubicle, your not-so-fun coworkers, and whatever infuriating email landed in your inbox at 5 p.m.

Most employees escape to their homes or their local watering holes. Others go further: say, another continent.

Earlier this month, a story went viral about a South African couple who, six months ago, quit slick advertising jobs to travel the world. Chanel Cartell and Stevo Dirnberger currently have over 100,000 followers on Instagram, but they didn't get press for their ripped-from-a-magazine photography. They drew attention for toilet-scrubbing.

"I feel it necessary we share the uglier side of our trip," Cartell wrote on the couple's blog, claiming that she and Dirnberger have cleaned 135 toilets and spread 250 kilos of cow dung as part of on-the-road work exchanges to pay for their trip.

Her post was covered by publications around the world, which circulated the story with headlines like *The Couple Who Quit Their Ad Jobs to Travel the World Ended Up Poor and Scrubbing Toilets* and *Travelling the World Not Always What It's Cracked Up to Be*.

Cartell and Dirnberger's experience tells us less about the messy consequences of long-term travel — after all, what's a little manure compared to a year-long vaca-



We shouldn't be surprised that Chanel Cartell and Stevo Dirnberger, who run the blog *How Far From Home*, had to scrub toilets to afford this journey. Daily sludge accompanies every job — no matter how glorious. INSTAGRAM/@HOWFARFROMHOME

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'Do what you love, love what you do,' the adage says, playing down the mundane, taxing, and often chaotic daily sludge that accompanies every job.

tion? — as it does about the complicated notion of doing what you love.

Scrapping work for a world tour is itself a road well-travelled — but it's also a privilege.

This adventuresome couple isn't scouring johns because they have no choice. Their janitorial forays are simply brief (if stinky) detours on a very lucky pursuit of their globe-spanning goals.

The clickbait headlines that accompanied this story, painting the couple as destitute vagabonds, suggest shock that pursuing your desires isn't pain — and poop — free.

Although wanderlust is a definitively more fun ambition than white-collar ladder-climbing, even in the more traditional corporate realm, there's a similar sense that dream-chasing should be more about love and less about hard labour.

"Do what you love, love what you do," the adage says, playing down the mundane, taxing, and often chaotic daily sludge that accompanies every job — no matter how much you enjoy your career.

Thinking of a ditching your desk? What we can learn from Cartell and Dirnberger is not that trekking the world isn't what it's cracked up to be.

It's a reminder that, whether your final destination is a beachside villa or a corner office, there will be dung.

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THE UWI TWINS

Rwandan genocide survivors want to inspire underdogs

Fashion designers Levi and Reuben Uwi, survivors of the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, said they looked to Africa for inspiration for their latest collection, which debuted Friday at New York Fashion Week.

The brothers, 27 and known as The Uwi Twins, unveiled "I Left My Heart In Africa!" at Gotham Hall and said they returned to the continent after

17 years to design their clean and simplistic ready-to-wear 2016 spring-summer collection.

"It was a huge contrast from the last time we were there. We were very fortunate enough to be in a position where we had a lot of opportunities ahead of us and so, when we were designing the collection, we definitely felt very blessed and very humbled," Levi said back-

stage after the presentation.

The brothers relocated to Vancouver after escaping Rwanda.

They kicked off the fashion show Friday with traditional African dancers working the runway and two drummers playing lively and loudly. Models confidently wore trendy designs that ranged from fitted black and white T-shirts to

bright pink shorts to semi-loose blazers. The highlights: a soft pink blazer paired with pink shorts with large black lines on each side, and a black and white shirt with a splash on pink over the shoulders.

The Uwis know their story is remarkable, but as designers, they want people to look at their clothes first. Their overall goal is to give young artists

opportunities to live out their dreams — like they have done.

"This brand is about inspiring the underdog and with this collection, yeah it is inspired by Africa, but it's also for anyone who feels like they're down," Reuben said.

"Look at us — we've been down multiple times. You can get back up."

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The Uwi Twins unveil the new collection. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FINANCIAL FUTURE

Look at the hard facts, then put down a plan of action

Gail Vaz-Oxlade
For Metro Canada



The biggest barrier people face in getting to debt-free forever is believing they can. After being in debt for a while, you might actually begin to believe debt is “normal.” And if your friends and family think debt is a way of life, you’re more likely to accept debt as part of your life. But it doesn’t have to be. You can be debt-free. And you must, if you want to have a healthy financial future.

It’s scary just how much debt we are carrying. With low interest rates and access to easy credit, Canadians now owe \$1.63 for every \$1 in income they earn. That’s an average. I have no debt, so someone’s carrying my share. And if you have no debt, someone is carrying your share too. It’s the people with debt — and consumer debt like lines of credit and credit cards are the worst — that are up to their eyes in alligators. According to the Bank of Canada back in March, about 1.5 million Canadians are extremely indebted.

Getting into debt is easy. Lose a job or watch as your hours are cut back at work and out come



It’s time to face your debt demons

those credit cards. Using credit just seems like a natural option. Watch your car die on the highway or your furnace give up the ghost in the middle of winter and the idea of putting whatever you need on a credit card and carrying a balance takes a back seat

to handling the big problem.

Whining about our debt has become a national pastime. I get hundreds of letters every month from people who are deeply in debt and don’t know what to do. Each ends with a plea for me to help them. It’s almost as

if people believe I have a magic wand that I can wave and make the debt go away.

There is no magic. There’s the reality of facing up to the mess. There’s the hard work of making a plan and doing whatever it takes to make the

plan work. And there’s the habit of living within your means.

First, you’re going to make a list of your debt. (For the purposes of this exercise we’re leaving mortgages off the list.) Then you must figure out your minimum payments.

A NEW NORMAL

Focus on getting out of that hole

If you are so far in debt that indebtedness has come to feel like the norm, it’s not. Debt means no control, no way to bounce back from whatever pile of poop is reaching up to grab your foot. The sooner you move past “managing your debt” and becoming debt-free, the healthier you will be.

Next, figure out what your debt has been costing you (you’re gonna puke, so have a bucket close by). Calculate what your repayments amount must be to actually get the hell out of debt. And, finally, snowball your payments to get to debt-free faster.

When you make your debt list, be sure to include the interest rate you’re paying on that debt, the total amount you owe and the minimum payment you’re required to make to keep your credit history healthy.

This list is going to help you prioritize where you’ll make your payments.

The next step is to add up what you owe. Until you come face-to-face with how much you owe in total, you’re not facing up to the mess you’ve made.

We’re not done yet. There’s work still to be done. Take a breath.

We’ll take the final steps next week.

PHD JOB SEARCH TIPS

Don’t lock yourself in an Ivory Tower

Thinking about getting a Ph.D? Most experts will tell you it’s a bad idea. The average doctoral student takes about eight years to complete her degree — if she finishes it at all. And even when they do, well, it’s no guarantee they’ll get a decent-paying job.

“Universities have stopped hiring tenure-track professors and have replaced them with adjuncts,” says Karen Kelsky, author of the new book *The Professor Is In: The Essential Guide*

to Turning Your Ph.D. Into a Job. Those adjuncts receive what she calls “Wal-Mart wages.”

That’s why Kelsky — a former tenured professor and department head who has taught at the University of Oregon and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign — started her blog, *The Professor Is In*. Since then, she’s launched a consulting business, helping more than 4,000 clients get jobs. We asked her for some of her tips.

Don’t get obsessed with your thesis

Graduate school isn’t just about doing research; it’s also about getting a job. “Students forget that and get obsessed with their research project,” says Kelsky. Start surveying the job market from Day 1. “Ask: ‘What kinds of jobs are available?’” Kelsky suggests.

Keep your options open

Just because you’re in graduate

school doesn’t mean you have to go into academia. After all, Ph.D. candidates have many skills that are valued in all different kinds of job markets — from public speaking to statistics to writing on deadline. Kelsky advises to keep your options open. “If you do it this whole world opens up to you and you see all the skills you have and all the directions you can go. So I encourage people to do that even while they’re in grad school.” RAQUEL LANERI/METRO



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Supporting cast happy to take backseat to McDavid

OILERS Teammates full of praise for No. 1 overall pick

Connor McDavid has been the overwhelming focus for fans and media at the Young Stars rookie tournament, and that suits his Edmonton Oilers teammates just fine.

The No. 1 overall pick at June's NHL draft — dubbed hockey's “next one” long ago — is the talk of Penticton, B.C., leaving the Oilers' other prospects to go about their business in relative obscurity.

“That's the way it is, and I've said it before, rightfully so,” said forward Leon Draisaitl. “He's just that good.”

Draisaitl is among the crop of high-end talent the Oilers have accumulated during their years of futility at or near the bottom of the NHL standings. The 19-year-old German was the third overall pick in 2014 and spent 37 games with Edmonton last season, picking up two goals and seven assists, before being returned to junior.

A six-foot-one 212-pound centre who could be moved to the wing when the Oilers open training camp next week, Draisaitl is happy to take a backseat to McDavid mania.



Oilers Leon Draisaitl, left, Josh Winquist, Joey Laleggia and Braden Christoffer celebrate a goal against the Flames at the Young Stars rookie tournament on Saturday in Penticton, B.C.

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“He's the best player to come along in a long, long time, so for him to come here and get seen by a lot of people, that's pretty cool,” he said. “It's nice for him to get all the attention and for him to be the first guy (media) go to.”

“For us, it's a little more relaxed.”

Gerry Fleming, the head coach of Edmonton's AHL affiliate, is running the Oilers' bench at the event in Penticton that also includes rookies from the Calgary Flames, Vancouver Canucks and Winnipeg Jets. He said his organization has a lot more going for it than just McDavid.

“There's a lot of skill,” said Fleming. “Connor being the player that he is, and the person that he is, he gets a lot of attention and it does distract attention from other guys, but we've got a lot of good players.”

One of those good players is Darnell Nurse, a six-foot-three 216-pound defenceman

“He's always happy. He comes to the rink with a smile on his face.”

Darnell Nurse on Connor McDavid

who played in junior, the AHL and two games with the Oilers last season.

The Hamilton native has shown his offensive side at this tournament as well as his willingness to get involved physically after the Canucks took a run at McDavid in Edmonton's first game.

“I definitely think I have an opportunity to go out there and earn myself a spot,” said Nurse. “That comes down to my play and how I carry myself through training camp. It's something I've just got to go out there and work for.”

The seventh overall pick in 2013 added that playing three levels of hockey last season helped him better understand the game as he attempts to break in with the Oilers on a full-time basis.

“I'm a better player now. I'm looking forward to going out there and showing it,” said Nurse. “I can do all the talking I want, but it's just time to go out there and perform.”

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CFL IN BRIEF

Redblacks run over Lions

Jeremiah Johnson rushed for two second-half touchdowns and Chris Milo kicked five field goals as the Ottawa Redblacks came back to beat the B.C. Lions 31-18 on Sunday.

Johnson ran in from two yards out in the third quarter and 12 yards in the fourth to help Ottawa overcome an 18-14 first-half deficit.

The Redblacks' (6-4) win moved them into a tie for second place in the East Division with the Toronto Argonauts. They also became the first Ottawa team to earn a win in Vancouver since Oct. 6, 1990. It was only the second win by an Ottawa club in the past 24 visits to Vancouver since 1974.

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Eskimos snap 12-game losing streak vs. Stamps

Mike Reilly threw three touchdown passes in his first full start of the season, including a pair to Adarius Bowman, as the Edmonton Eskimos finally managed to get past their southern rivals, defeating the Calgary Stampeders 27-16 on a rain-soaked Saturday night.

With the win the Eskimos (7-4) snapped a 12-game losing skid extending back four seasons against the Stampeders. The West Division-leading Stampeders fell to 8-3, seeing a five-game winning streak come to an end. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Roger Federer returns a shot to Novak Djokovic during their championship match in New York on Sunday night.

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U.S. OPEN

Djokovic wins third major title of 2015

Thrilled to win a point in the U.S. Open final, and bent on proving a point, Novak Djokovic leaped and roared and threw an uppercut, then glared at some of the thousands of spectators pulling for Roger Federer.

After winning another point in that game, Djokovic nodded as he smiled toward the stands. And moments later, Djokovic shook his right arm, bloodied by an early fall, and screamed, “Yes! Yes!” to celebrate a missed forehand by Federer.

Djokovic appeared to be all alone out there in Arthur Ashe

Stadium, trying to solve Federer while also dealing with the thousands of fans pulling for the 17-time major champion proclaimed “arguably the greatest player in the history of the sport” by the stadium announcer during pre-match introductions.

In the end, Djokovic handled everything in a thrill-a-minute final on a frenetic night. Frustrating Federer with his relentless defence and unparalleled returning, Djokovic took control late and held on for a 6-4, 5-7, 6-4, 6-4 victory Sunday to earn his second U.S. Open title,

+ DOUBLES

The Canadian duo of Felix Auger-Aliassime and Denis Shapovalov were victorious in their U.S. Open debut, capturing the junior boys' doubles title by downing Americans Brandon Holt and Riley Smith 7-5, 7-6 (3).

third major championship of the year and 10th Grand Slam trophy in all.

Confronted with Djokovic's

unequaled ability to race along the baseline and contort his body this way and that, sneakers squeaking loudly as he changed directions or scraping like sandpaper as he slid to reach unreachable shots, the 34-year-old Federer found himself trying to put the ball into the tiniest of spaces. And it didn't work. He wound up with 54 unforced errors, 17 more than Djokovic. Another key statistic: Djokovic saved 19 of the 23 break points he faced, while winning six of Federer's service games.

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IN BRIEF

Triple MVP winner and 76ers legend Malone dies

Moses Malone, a three-time NBA MVP and one of basketball's most ferocious rebounders, died Sunday, the Philadelphia 76ers said. He was 60.

Malone was part of the 76ers' 1983 NBA championship team, and the club said he will "forever be remembered as a genuine icon and pillar of the most storied era in the history of Philadelphia 76ers basketball."

A 6-foot-10 centre who made the leap right from high school to the pros, Malone is the NBA's career leader in offensive rebounds and led the league in rebounds per game for five straight seasons from 1980-85. Malone was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2001.

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Canada's Homan edged by Swiss Tirinzoni in women's Tour Challenge curling final

Rachel Homan couldn't extend her perfect run at the Grand Slam of Curling's Tour Challenge. Switzerland's Silvana Tirinzoni scored two in the eighth end to edge the Ottawa skip 6-5 in the Tier 1 women's final on Sunday. Homan got out to an early 3-0 lead in the second end and was up 5-2 before Tirinzoni came back with deuces in the seventh and eighth ends to take the victory.

Homan went undefeated at the inaugural Grand Slam of Curling event until losing to Tirinzoni in the final. She posted a 4-0 round-robin record to top the leaderboard, downed Scotland's Eve Muirhead in the quarter-finals and beat EunJung Kim of South Korea in the semis.

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Ko youngest major champ after winning French event

Lydia Ko won the Evian Championship on Sunday to become the youngest major champion in LPGA Tour history.

The South Korean-born New Zealander closed with an 8-under 63 for a six-stroke win over Lexi Thompson at the final major of the season.

Ko is 18 years, four months, 20 days old. She broke the record set by American Morgan Pressel at 18 years, 10 months, nine days in the 2007 Kraft Nabisco Championship.

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Rams stuff Seahawks in OT

NFL

St. Louis takes down NFC champion in season opener

The Seahawks needed a yard. The Rams defence knew that this time, unlike in the Super Bowl, they would give the ball to Marshawn Lynch.

Once again, Pete Carroll's choice didn't work out. Rams defensive linemen Michael Brockers and Aaron Donald stuffed Lynch for a one-yard loss on fourth down to seal a 34-31 overtime over the two-time defending NFC champs victory Sunday.

"We were thinking run," Donald said. "It's short yardage and we know they've got Lynch back there and we knew they were going to give it to him."

Carroll said the play had been getting two or three yards "all day long." The Seahawks' bid to keep overtime going died at the Rams 43, about 10 yards shy of field goal range.

"I don't know how they got the penetration, but they did," he said.

The Rams assembled a defence that features five first-round picks up front for just such a moment. They sacked Wilson six times, getting two each from Donald and Robert Quinn.

"We wanted to start fast," Quinn said. "A.D. started it off and after that, guys tried



Rams quarterback Nick Foles scores a touchdown past Seahawks linebacker Bobby Wagner on Sunday in St. Louis.

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SUNDAY In St. Louis



to follow him."

Greg Zuerlein kicked a 37-yard field goal on the opening drive of overtime.

The Rams watched a 24-13 lead disappear, as Seattle

scored 18 points in the fourth quarter, capped by Cary Williams' strip-and-score of Nick Foles with 4:39 left.

With 53 seconds left, the Rams tied the game at 31 after Seahawks defensive back Dion Bailey — the replacement for holdout Kam Chancellor — stumbled on Lance Kendricks' 37-yard touchdown catch.

The Seahawks opened overtime with an onside kick that

Normally when we get three turnovers and they get one, we win. We've been doing that for a long time. Seahawks coach Pete Carroll

could have given them a shot at winning the game outright, as Bradley Marquez caught Steven Hauschka's popped-up attempt. After throwing a flag for an illegal fair catch, officials ruled the ball was

kicked directly in the air, so Marquez was OK raising his hand.

Foles hit Steadman Bailey for a 22-yard catch for the key gain to set up Zuerlein's kick.

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MLB

First-place Jays miss out on sweep

Masahiro Tanaka pitched like the ace the Yankees needed him to be, allowing four hits over seven innings to lead New York over the Toronto Blue Jays 5-0 Sunday and stop his team's five-game losing streak.

Dustin Ackley homered and had three RBIs for the Yankees, who closed back within 3-1/2 games of the AL East-leading Blue Jays with 20 games left.

Toronto had won the first three games of the four-game series, but the Yankees sent R.A. Dickey (10-11) to his first loss since before the All-Star break. The Blue Jays and Yankees play three more times in Toronto from Sept. 21-23.

The Jays said before the game that All-Star shortstop Troy Tulowitzki will miss at

SUNDAY In New York



least two weeks after cracking his left shoulder blade in a collision in the opener of Saturday's doubleheader. Edwin Encarnacion was held out after aggravating a finger injury Saturday.

"It's a very small crack," Toronto general manager Alex Anthopoulos said of Tulowitzki. "Just talking with the doctors, if they had to guess, and really it's only a guess at this point, it could be two-to-three weeks and then he could be back for October."

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- 3 cups packed arugula
- 2 large yellow beets, peeled, either spiralized or shredded
- 1/2 small red bell pepper, julienned (sliced thinly)
- 4 fresh figs, cut into quarters
- 3 Tbsp sunflower seeds

- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 4 tsp maple syrup
- 2 tsp lemon juice
- 2 tsp apple cider vinegar
- 1/2 tsp Dijon mustard
- 1/2 tsp minced garlic
- Salt and pepper

Directions

1. Place arugula and beets on serving platter. Add bell pepper, figs and sunflower seeds.
2. Dressing: Combine all ingredients and pour over salad.

Nutrition per serving (recipe serves 4)

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- Saturated fat 1.5 g
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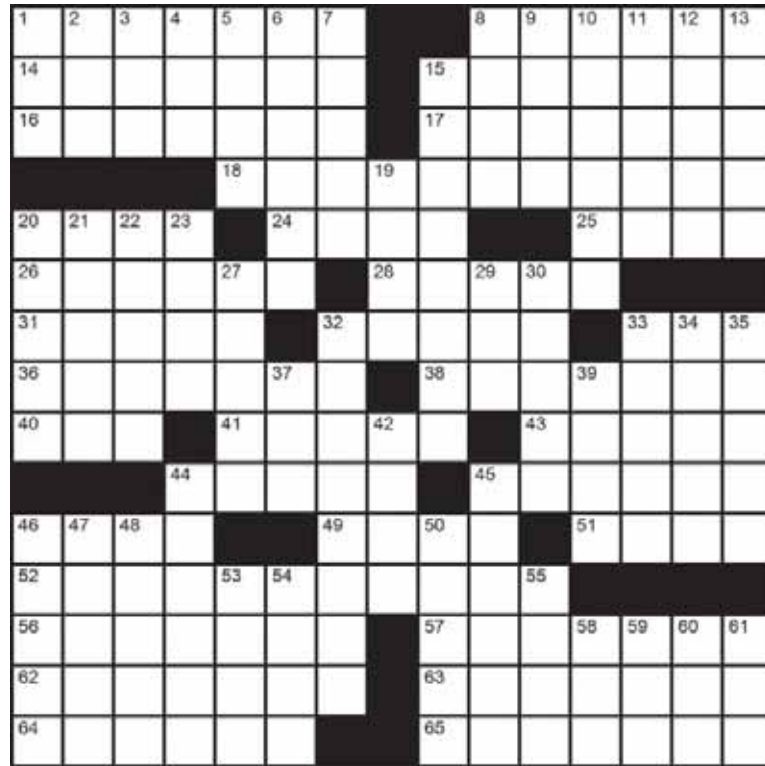
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1. Paper-folding art
8. Symbol for the restaurant at #19-Down
14. "Titanic" (1997) director James
15. Decathlete's spear
16. Clap
17. Most level
18. Endangered predatory fish, Atlantic
20. Design
24. "I will be _ to pleading and excuses." - Prince in Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, Act III, Scene 1
25. Letters before ://www
26. Tedious listing of things
28. Cursed
31. Extreme
32. Gaze and gaze
33. Track circuit
36. Become less taut
38. Crisscrossed upper portion along a backyard fence
40. Name of one of '60s U.S. President Johnson's pet beagles
41. Web letter
43. Sounds off
44. Inference
45. Geological formation in the Alberta badlands that's pillar-shaped with a flat top
46. Wing-shaped
49. Military cap
51. Lacking
52. Reflection:



- 2 wds.
56. What leftovers are initially
57. Bamboozled
62. Venue's humans-in-chairs capacity
63. Wind-powered electricity maker
64. Intertwine
65. Letter be-

fore Zeta

DOWN

1. Mozart opera, L' _ del Cairo
2. Music style
3. Pixie
4. Collective
5. Dubai, United

_ Emirates

6. Like furry food
7. Soon, _ time
8. Rikki-Tikki- _
9. Pizzeria need
10. Creme de _ (Grasshopper cocktail ingredient)
11. Language of Alaska

12. Ain't, posh-style

13. Available for pouring: 2 wds.
15. Canadian photographer whose works are part of the Vancouver Art Gallery's permanent collection: 2 wds.
19. _ Side Mario's (Canadian restaura-

- rant chain)
20. Lavish
21. City in northern France
22. Petal product in perfumery
23. Drug deal buster, commonly
27. Free from fashions of any sort
29. "...man _ mouse?"
30. 1980s styles, now
32. In-between-meals activity
33. Ms. Hamilton (Actress who was married to the Canadian at #14-Across)
34. 'A Heritage in Leather' community in southwestern Ontario
35. Monetary units in Mexico
37. Down Under bird
39. New Mexico art colony
42. Particular
44. Printers' mistakes
45. Elevated: 2 wds.
46. Charm
47. _ closet (Hallway spot)
48. "He's _ Nowhere Man..." - The Beatles
50. Sticky stuff
53. Ear-related
54. Ms. Russo of movies
55. Corn units
58. "The X-Files" org.
59. Tuesday's partner (1980s band)
60. Antacid brand
61. Lair

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
The final piece of a puzzle will fall into place over the next two or three days. Once you can see the entire picture you'll know why it took so long to make sense of it.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Something you say may confuse other people. Try to see things from their point of view, then explain using plain and simple language.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You may have to devote the daylight hours to work-related matters but once the Sun goes down your thoughts will be on having fun. As far as romance is concerned a secret crush you have is unlikely to stay secret much longer.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You should follow a course you have navigated profitably before rather than set out in a new direction. Despite what some may say, there is no need for any type of major change.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You can sense that something is wrong and you know better than to ignore your instincts. Take the initiative and act immediately on your suspicions.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You may not understand how your mind has arrived at a certain conclusion but deep down you know it is the right one for you. It may seem a bit silly at the present but it will soon make perfect sense.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Try not to criticize yourself for no reason. In fact, try not to criticize yourself even if there is a reason. If you made a mistake, learn from it quickly and move on.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Think positively about what you are required to do by people in positions of authority. It may not be what you want to do but don't start a battle you cannot possibly win.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You know a good thing when you see it and what you see today will get your mind racing. How can you make it work for you? How can you make it pay? It's not selfish to think that way — it's just common sense.

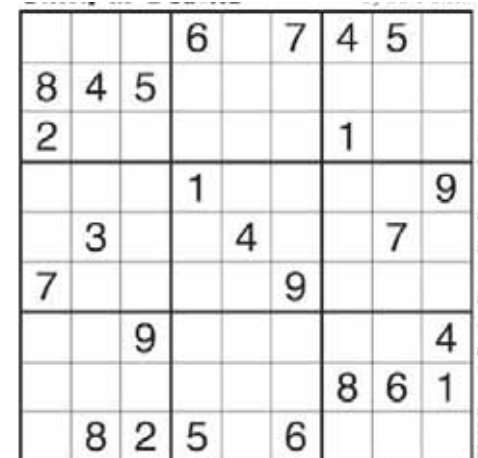
Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Why are you worrying for no good reason? The planets indicate that nothing will happen without your agreement and your say-so.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Try not to be too judgmental of people whose beliefs and lifestyles differ from your own. Yes, maybe the world would be a better place if everyone was just like you but that isn't going to happen, so get over it.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
You need to resolve a dispute with a loved one or work colleague now. If you let the situation fester for even one more day it may move beyond the point where it is easily rescued. Say sorry, and move on.

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